Transportation (Caltrans) assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of California: The California Department of Transportation (the Department) proposes to construct a vegetated bridge across the US–101 west of Liberty Canyon Road and across Agoura Road. The overcrossing over Agoura Road will have a maximum width of 54-feet and height of 16.5-feet. The project is located at postmile 32.8 to postmile 33.8 in the City of Agoura Hills, in the County of Los Angeles. The project also includes the improvement of wildlife fencing, enhancement of habitat adjacent to the overcrossing structure through planting of native vegetation, construction of sound walls and retaining walls, and construction of an unpaved path around the south side of the bridge over Agoura Road. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact (EA, FONSI) for the project, approved on April 12, 2018, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The EA, FONSI and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the addresses provided above. The Caltrans EA, FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/d7/projects/libertycanyon/.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

2. Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient, Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU Section 6002).
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1967.
5. Section 4(f), Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
[Docket No. FMCSA–2017–0060]
Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing
AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 30 individuals for an exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 28, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments hearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–FMCSA–2017–0057 using any of the following methods:
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number(s) for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http://www.regulations.gov at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W04–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for a five-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the five-year period. FMCSA grants exemptions from the FMCSRs for a two-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver’s medical certification.

The 30 individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a
forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5—1951.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid, 35 FR 6458, 6463 (April 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

On February 1, 2013, FMCSA announced in a Notice of Final Disposition titled, Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; National Association of the Deaf, (78 FR 7479), its decision to grant requests from 30 individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers. Since the February 1, 2013 notice, the Agency has published additional notices granting requests from hard of hearing and deaf individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers.

II. Qualifications of Applicants

Alan M. Bridgeford
Mr. Bridgeford, age 47, holds an operator’s license in Nevada.

Mataio Brown
Mr. Brown, age 22, holds an operator’s license in Mississippi.

Leroy Carter
Mr. Carter, age 38, holds an operator’s license in Ohio.

Robert M. Cates
Mr. Cates, age 66, holds a class A CDL in New Mexico.

Rocky R. Chin
Mr. Chin, age 50, holds a class A CDL in Washington.

Ralph E. Craig
Mr. Craig, age 80, holds a class A CDL in Illinois.

Cesar DeLeon
Mr. DeLeon, age 28, holds an operator’s license from Texas.

Brody DiPasquale
Mr. DiPasquale, age 24, holds an operator’s license in Maryland.

Edward J. Duhon
Mr. Duhon, age 41, holds an operator’s license in Alabama.

Lyle Eash
Mr. Eash, age 39, holds an operator’s license in Ohio.

Richard R. Fisher
Mr. Fisher, age 31, holds an operator’s license in Pennsylvania.

Kimberly I. Foss
Ms. Foss, age 50, holds a class A CDL in California.

Bradley Ledford
Mr. Ledford, age 29, holds an operator’s license in Tennessee.

Dustin McFadden
Mr. McFadden, age 39, holds an operator’s license in Texas.

Francisco M. Mendoza
Mr. Mendoza, age 46, holds an operator’s license in California.

Jack W. Mitchell
Mr. Mitchell, age 68, holds an operator’s license in Texas.

Eugene Mostepan
Mr. Mostepan, age 37, holds an operator’s license in California.

Steven Moorehead
Mr. Moorehead, age 58, holds a class A CDL in Ohio.

Gary T. Nagel
Mr. Nagel, age 60, holds an operator’s license in Minnesota.

Marcel Paul
Mr. Paul, age 41, holds an operator’s license in Washington.

Dexter E. Perez
Mr. Perez, age 32, holds an operator’s license in Wisconsin.

Connie Ralston
Ms. Ralston, age 41, holds an operator’s license in Georgia.

Noble D. Reed
Mr. Reed, age 53, holds a class A CDL in Texas.

Kurt Sanders
Mr. Sanders, age 47, holds an operator’s license in Virginia.

David L. Schibilla
Mr. Schibilla, age 62, holds a class A CDL in Illinois.

Pamela Singleton
Ms. Singleton, age 54, holds an operator’s license in Texas.

Robert W. Slate
Mr. Slate, age 35, holds an operator’s license in New Mexico.

Willine D. Smith
Ms. Smith, age 56, holds a class A CDL in Georgia.

Michael R. Tayman
Mr. Tayman, age 41, holds an operator’s license in Maine.

Jason R. Winemiller
Mr. Winemiller, age 44, holds a class A CDL in Illinois.

III. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated in the dates section of the notice.

IV. Submitting Comments

You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to http://www.regulations.gov and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA–2017–0060 and click the search button. When the new screen appears, click on the blue “Comment Now!” button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

We will consider all comments and materials received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final determination any time after the close of the comment period.

V. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, go to http://www.regulations.gov and in the search box insert the docket number.
FMCSA—2017–0060 and click “Search.” Next, click “Open Docket Folder” and you will find all documents and comments related to this notice.

Issued on: May 17, 2018.
Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration


Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 64 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202–366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: http://www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http://www.regulations.gov and/or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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II. Background

On February 15, 2018, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 64 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (83 FR 6925). The public comment period ended on March 19, 2018, and no comments were received. As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of a least 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, and distinct binocular acuity of a least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses. The physical fitness standard for a driver's vision was achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 64 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt the following drivers from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10):

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of February and are discussed below:

As of February 9, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (64 FR 40404; 68 FR 66962; 68 FR 66969; 68 FR 37197; 68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860; 68 FR 69432; 70 FR 48297; 70 FR 57353; 70 FR 61165; 70 FR 61493; 70 FR 71884; 70 FR 72689; 71 FR 644; 71 FR 4632; 72 FR 8417; 72 FR 36099; 72 FR 39879; 72 FR 52419; 72 FR 54971; 72 FR 58362; 72 FR 62897; 72 FR 64273; 72 FR 67340; 72 FR 67344; 72 FR 71995; 73 FR 1395; 73 FR 6246; 74 FR 37295; 74 FR 48343; 74 FR 49069; 74 FR 53581; 74 FR 57553; 74 FR 60021; 74 FR 60022; 74 FR 62632; 74 FR 65845; 74 FR 65847; 75 FR 1450; 75 FR 4623; 76 FR 37169; 76 FR 50318; 76 FR 62143; 76 FR 64176; 76 FR 70210; 76 FR 70212; 76 FR 70213; 76 FR 70215; 76 FR 75040; 76 FR 78728; 76 FR 79760; 77 FR 541; 77 FR 543; 77 FR 545; 77 FR 3554; 78 FR 27281; 78 FR 34143; 78 FR 41188; 78 FR 47818; 78 FR 52602; 78 FR 62935; 78 FR 63302; 78 FR 63307; 78 FR 64271; 78 FR 64274; 78 FR 66099; 78 FR 67454; 78 FR 67460; 78 FR 68137; 78 FR 74223; 78 FR 76395; 78 FR 76704; 78 FR 76705; 78 FR 76707; 78 FR 77778; 78 FR 77780; 78 FR 77782; 78 FR 78475; 78 FR 78477; 79 FR 2748; 79 FR 3919; 79 FR 4803; 79 FR 53708; 80 FR 14223; 80 FR 33007; 80 FR 33011; 80 FR 40122; 80 FR 49302; 80 FR 50915; 80 FR 59225; 80 FR 59230; 80 FR 62163; 80 FR 63839; 80 FR 63869; 80 FR 67472; 80 FR 67476; 80 FR 67481; 80 FR 70060; 80 FR 76345; 80 FR 80443; 81 FR 1284; 81 FR 11642; 81 FR 15401; 81 FR 15404; 81 FR 16265; 81 FR 60117:

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